

Summer 2019 CAMP-of-the-WOODS Music Staff INTRODUCTION LETTER

Dear Music Applicant:

Thank you for exploring the possibility of applying for a music staff position at **CAMP-of-the-WOODS (COTW)** for the summer of 2019.

Music has always been an integral part of **COTW** during its 100+ years of operation. Each Friday and Saturday evening, the music staff performs for guests staying on the grounds and for people from the surrounding area. These weekend concerts include a broad variety of music: Classical, Chamber Music, Opera, Broadway, Big Band, vocal and instrumental solos, and the best of Sacred Music from the classical and contemporary Sacred repertoires. The music staff leads in blended worship at daily chapels and Sunday morning services, as well as the Sunday evening *Concert of Praise and Worship*. Musicians also perform for the guests on the weekly Thursday Evening Classical Recital series.

I encourage you to view the **COTW** Archive Music video excerpts at these links:

- Orchestra: <https://youtu.be/FqI6dfJx-Ug>
- Broadway: https://youtu.be/8wO_JcuW8JI
- Sacred Tutti: https://youtu.be/_1zI68kf4jq
- Big Band: <https://youtu.be/pM3YS38Wlco>
- Recital: <https://youtu.be/C4UOqYqvbsY>
- Small Jazz: <https://youtu.be/P8XVraChH4o>

More information about the ministry and events at **COTW** are available at the main website: www.camp-of-the-woods.org

Music Staff receive a guaranteed weekly salary plus room and board. Weekly salary for first year music staff is \$300 per week, and the first pay period begins the Thursday of Challenge Week. (During the first part of Challenge/Orientation Week, June 15-19, **ALL COTW** summer employees receive a \$30 honorarium.) Musicians earn their summer salaries by performing in concerts, chapels and other music events. In addition, there is a small service component for all musicians. For most music staff, this includes assisting housekeeping staff with guestroom “changeovers” every other Saturday morning as guests depart and arrive (a maximum of 4 Saturday mornings).

There are air-conditioned Wenger practice rooms and practice pianos, and temperature-controlled secure storage for instruments and valuables.

I look forward to my 19th season as Music Director. Along with being Professor of Music (trumpet) at West Virginia University, I play principal trumpet in the Wheeling (WV) Symphony Orchestra and extra with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. My wife Kathy, our **COTW** Staff Pianist and Music Staff Recruiter, is a gifted accompanist who has worked in numerous national venues. Many **COTW** Music Staff alumni hold positions as performers in metropolitan orchestras and D.C. Military ensembles, as well as faculty positions in music schools across the country.

Fellowship with young Christian music professionals, numerous opportunities for performance, teaching by internationally known evangelical speakers, the emphasis on musical excellence, the challenge of personal musical and spiritual growth, and opportunities to lead in a blended worship ministry creates an unusual and completely unique opportunity for **COTW** musicians and may be a turning point in your career and life. It is my prayer that as you contemplate your options for Summer 2019, you will consider auditioning for the **COTW** music staff.

The minimum dates of commitment for 2019 Summer Music Staff employment at CAMP-of-the-WOODS are:

- *Instrumentalists* arrive Saturday June 15 and remain through the Saturday Evening Concert on August 17, 2019.
- *Vocalists* arrive Monday June 10 and remain through the Saturday Evening Concert on August 17, 2019.
- (Priority consideration will be given to musicians who are able to extend their employment through the Sunday services on August 18, and the Music Staff Recital on Thursday, August 22. Applicants are expected to review their Fall semester Academic Calendars carefully).
- Employment beyond Thursday August 22 is available to those who are able to remain longer. Tasks will include chapel music and assistance with other end-of-season departmental needs. (This can be worked out during the summer).
- Any deviation from this schedule must be approved by the Music Staff Recruiter, Kathy Winkler.

Application Deadline: There is no official application deadline, although decisions on new applicants begin as early as January 2nd. **Contracts are offered as soon as highly qualified applicants are identified.** (It is recommended that new applicants inquire during November and December about known or potential staff openings.) I would encourage you to review the application and the music videos, and then contact Mrs. Winkler or me immediately for more information and to be certain that the position for which you are applying is still open.

In His service,

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